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Hawson, Ida Howard 201-5,603

A review of this file indicates that it is very old with documents dating back to 1946. There is no 201 file opening sheet in the file. Most of the documents in the file are third agency documents primarily from the FBI.

Background (from 27 July 1951 <sup>Dated</sup> TMA W 1794 16-3  
Kras, Chief, WH to COS, [Mexico City])

DTOSB : 25 September, 1894 (or 1895) in New York City or Long Island

Hawson was a motion picture writer in Hollywood who reportedly had been a member of the Communist Party since 1934. He was allegedly one of the most important persons in the communist movement in Hollywood in the late 1930's. Hawson served a 1-year sentence from 1950-51 for contempt of Congress for refusal to testify before the House Committee on Un-American activities in Oct. 1947.

The file indicates that:

1) Hawson planned to travel in Eastern Europe for approximately 1 year beginning in May 1961.

2) The Cuban Institute of Motion Picture Arts &amp; Industry expressed an interest, during 1961, in having Hawson as a teacher &amp; film writer. Correspondence was arranged through:

Sofia HERRERA de VELASCO, Patricio Sarmiento 36, Departamento 6, Mexico 12, D.F., Mexico and Jesus PROENZA Proenza (201-291531), at the Cuban Embassy in Mexico.

The file does not state exactly when Hawson went to the USSR. Information from an FBI Report on Hawson dated 18 Dec. 61 indicates that Hawson is in a sanitarium near Moscow & plans to remain in Soviet Union for about 8 months after his release - to work with movie industry.

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A copy of an index card re Haworth bears notation:

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Note indicates that Haworth is a "film cinema script writer" & is residing in  
Moscow as of 1963.

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Report No. 51 dated 28 Nov. 63 reports info. re Haworth in Moscow from a  
source, "VIA DUCT". Source describes Haworth's attitude & treatment  
in Moscow; also states that Haworth has now returned to U.S.

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Contains only reports in which Haworth is mentioned.

No indication appears of any CIA contact w/ Haworth following his  
return from the USSR.

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